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Good Growing Conditions

The month of August weather was a mixed bag for the Maryland and Delaware areas. Some areas received rain during the month while other areas received very little rain. The temperatures during the month were cooler than normal with less humidity for a typical August. Corn and Soybean crop conditions were reported mostly good to excellent across both States.

Maryland: As of September 1, Maryland farmers reported a yield of 155 bushels per acre for the 2013 corn crop, same as last month. If realized, the total production will be 66.7 million bushels of corn from 430,000 harvested acres for grain. Farmers expect to average 43 bushels per acre for soybeans, down 2 bushels from the August 1st yield forecast. A total of 465,000 acres of soybeans will be harvested with a total production of nearly 20.0 million bushels produced in Maryland for 2013.

Delaware: Delaware farmers reported a yield of 160 bushels per acre in 2013, down 5 bushels per acre from last month. A total of 174,000 acres are expected to be harvested with a total corn production estimated at 27.8 million bushels. Soybeans are expected to yield 41 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the August 1st forecast. Soybeans are expected to be harvested from 158,000 acres, for a total production of nearly 6.5 million bushels.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 13.8 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from the August forecast and up 28 percent from 2012. If realized, this will be a new record production for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 155.3 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushels from the August forecast and 31.9 bushels above the 2012 average. If realized, this will be the highest average yield since 2009. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 89.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 2 percent from 2012.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.15 billion bushels, down 3 percent from August but up 4 percent from last year. If realized, production will be the fourth largest on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.2 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month but up 1.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 76.4 million acres, unchanged from August but up slightly from 2012.

**Crop Production: Acreage, Yield, and Production, by Delaware,
Maryland, and United States, September 2012 and 2013**

Commodity	Delaware		Maryland		United States	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Corn, All Planted 1,000 acres	180	185	490	495	97,379	97,155
Corn, Harvested for Grain..... 1,000 acres	174	178	430	435	89,135	87,375
Yield bushels per acre	160.0	135.0	155.0	122.0	155.3	123.4
Production..... 1,000 bushels	27,840	24,030	66,650	53,070	13,843,320	10,780,296
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Corn, Harvested for Silage.... 1,000 acres	-	5	-	55	-	7,379
Yield tons per acre	-	17.0	-	19.0	-	15.4
Production..... 1,000 tons	-	85	-	1,045	-	113,450
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Soybeans Planted 1,000 acres	160	170	470	480	77,178	77,198
Harvested 1,000 acres	158	168	465	475	76,378	76,104
Yield bushels per acre	41.0	42.5	43.0	47.0	41.2	39.6
Production..... 1,000 bushels	6,478	7,140	19,995	22,325	3,149,166	3,014,998
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Wheat, Winter Planted 1,000 acres	85	85	330	310	42,697	41,324
Harvested 1,000 acres	82	80	250	210	32,270	34,834
Yield bushels per acre	-	74.0	67.0	68.0	47.8	47.2
Production..... 1,000 bushels	-	5,920	16,750	14,280	1,542,605	1,645,202
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Barley Planted..... 1,000 acres	40	38	70	60	3,482	3,637
Harvested 1,000 acres	36	34	51	40	3,075	3,244
Yield bushels per acre	-	84.0	80.0	82.0	70.7	67.9
Production..... 1,000 bushels	-	2,856	4,080	3,280	217,545	220,284
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Hay, All Harvested 1,000 acres	16	16	230	205	56,617	56,260
Yield tons per acre	-	2.63	-	2.51	-	2.13
Production..... 1,000 tons	-	42	-	514	-	119,878
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Hay, Alfalfa Harvested 1,000 acres	6	6	30	30	17,662	17,292
Yield tons per acre	-	2.70	-	4.30	3.39	3.01
Production..... 1,000 tons	-	16	-	129	59,926	52,049
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Hay, Other Harvested 1,000 acres	10	10	200	175	38,955	38,968
Yield tons per acre	-	2.60	-	2.20	2.05	1.74
Production..... 1,000 tons	-	26	-	385	79,954	67,829
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Apples Production 1,000 pounds				35,000		9,061,100
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Peaches Production..... 1,000 tons				4		978
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Potatoes, Summer Planted 1,000 acres	1.4	1.6	2.5	2.3	47.0	49.8
Harvested 1,000 acres	1.4	1.6	2.5	2.2	45.7	48.5
Yield cwt per acre	280	255	340	380	358	368
Production..... 1,000 cwt	392	408	850	836	16,369	17,855